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received any other types of none law

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enforcement training in regards to criminal

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justice?

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A. None law enforcement training?

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Q. Yeah. At a university or

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college. Something like that.

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A. I did. I attended the Southern

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Police Institute in Louisville at the

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University of Louisville in Louisville,

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Kentucky in 2001.

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Q. All right. And what was the

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purpose of that?

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A. It's a police executive

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development. I was sent there by the State

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Police.

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Q. Okay. And what was the

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curriculum at that police development?

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A. There were classes regarding law,

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psychology. Things like that.

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Q. Okay.

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A. I can't remember. It was five

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classes. Three credits per class.

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Q. Okay. In the area of the law

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segment can you describe what areas of law

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2 because obviously law is a very big area?

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A. As I recall it was police

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liability. Dealing with police as -- members

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of your department as a supervisor.

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Q. Okay. Can you give me a thumb

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sketch, thumbnail sketch of that curriculum

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which you were taught about police liability

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as a supervisor?

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A. I'm trying to remember.

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Q. It had an impact in training.

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A. Yes, sir.

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Basically, the training

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was put on to help us be better supervisors

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and to develop into command level positions

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with the State Police.

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As far as the law course,

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I remember one of the instructors was a

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processor of law at the university and we had

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to do reports on -- well, just various

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things. I remember I wanted to do something

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on how to deal with the Posse Comitatus. You

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know, people that were involved in that type

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of issues.

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Q. Would it be fair to say from this

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training you learned that a supervisor and

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lesser persons could be civilly liable for

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the conduct as a supervisor or a police

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officer?

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A. Yes.

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Q. Okay. And would those areas that

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you covered in law also include civil

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liability for civil rights violations?

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A. I believe so.

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Q. Okay. And have you relied in

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your actions as a lieutenant with the State

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Police with that training? That civil

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liability training.

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A. I've used all my training --

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Q. Okay.

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A. -- as a lieutenant.

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Q. And would it be fair for me to

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say that the civil liability training that

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you received as a supervisor included the

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requirement to make sure that your

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subordinates that you're with don't do

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anything that would violate persons' civil

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rights?

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A. Yes.

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Q. Okay. In the course of your  
3 training since being in law enforcement, so  
4 I'll go back to '82 so you get the benefit of  
5 all of it, were you aware that person's had  
6 constitutionally protected rights under the  
7 United States Constitution to associate with  
8 their family?

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A. I don't follow the question.

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Could you repeat it?

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Q. Sure.

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Throughout your training  
13 since '82 as a police officer are you aware  
14 that police could not do anything to  
15 interfere with a father being with his  
16 children unless the law allowed it?

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A. I'm just not grasping the concept  
18 here.

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Q. It's not a problem. These are  
20 hard areas.

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Not to my be too  
22 inquisitive about your family, I see that you  
23 have a ring on. So I'm assuming you're  
24 married.

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Is that correct?

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2 A. That's correct.

3 Q. I'm assuming broadly that you  
4 have children.

5 A. That's correct.

6 Q. Okay. Are you aware from your  
7 training as a police officer that in your  
8 case you, as the father, would have the right  
9 to be with your children unless the law  
10 stepped in and prevented?

11 A. Yeah. I would think that would  
12 be something that I picked up regardless of  
13 having police training.

14 Q. Okay. But I'm now going to look  
15 at your police training.

16 And in the course of all  
17 your training did you learn that there was  
18 nothing you as a police officer could do to  
19 interfere with a father being with his child  
20 unless some specific law or act of the court  
21 prevented it?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Okay. And in this training for  
24 civil liability issue, would that be the kind  
25 of civil liability issues that you might have

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2 looked at?

3 A. No. It wasn't the type of thing  
4 we looked at the training that I recall.

5 Q. In all your training with the  
6 State Police, Pennsylvania State Police, have  
7 they provided you with any type of training  
8 in that area of federal civil rights?

9 A. I'm sure they have, but right now  
10 I can't --

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. -- recall specific classes on  
13 that type of thing.

14 Q. And you're sure you've received  
15 that type of training because why?

16 A. I know that they've given us  
17 quite a broad spectrum of training over the  
18 years. I'm sure that's been picked up in  
19 that training.

20 Q. Okay. And would it be fair to  
21 say that when you visited the Newtown  
22 Township Police Department to do a CLEAN  
23 investigation that you had already received  
24 that training? You had that knowledge  
25 already.



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2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Okay. And I know I haven't asked  
4 you a date. I don't know if you remember the  
5 date.

6 So I'll ask you if you  
7 remember the date that you went down and met  
8 with Mr. Bush, Detective Bush, Chief Duffy at  
9 Newtown Township Department.

10 A. I believe it was May 17, 2007.

11 Q. Okay. So as of May 17, 2007 we  
12 can agree that you knew that there was  
13 nothing that a State Trooper could do to  
14 interfere with a father being with his child.

15 A. Within the law.

16 Q. Okay. Within the law.

17 A. Right.

18 Q. And as of that date did you know  
19 of anything in which you were doing that  
20 prevented, let's say, David Bush from being  
21 with his children?

22 A. No, sir.

23 Q. Okay. Did you know of anything  
24 that would prevent Christopher Bush from  
25 associating with David Bush in his effort to

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2 find the David Bush children?

3 A. I knew of nothing --

4 Q. Okay.

5 A. -- between the family members.

6 Q. Nobody told you from the State  
7 Police when they sent you down whenever you  
8 did your investigation about anything that  
9 would prevent them from doing interaction  
10 with anybody.

11 A. No, sir.

12 Q. Okay. Now, did anybody provide  
13 you with training at any time since you've  
14 been with law enforcement in regards to first  
15 amendment rights?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Okay. And when I say first  
18 amendment rights I'm going to focus on the  
19 right to make a complaint against, say, a  
20 member of the State Police.

21 Have you received any type  
22 of training in that?

23 A. I've had training discussing  
24 first amendment rights, but I've had nothing  
25 about somebody making a complaint against



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2 members of the State Police as it pertains to  
3 their first amendment rights.

4 Q. Okay. So I'm not bumping all  
5 over the place, can you tell me what first  
6 amendment training you've received as a  
7 police officer?

8 A. It's reviewed periodically at  
9 update training. First amendment. Fourth  
10 amendment. Freedom of speech. Due process.  
11 That type of thing.

12 Q. Okay. And did you have that  
13 training as of May 17, 2007?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. All right. So when you went down  
16 there you were fully aware of the rights of  
17 citizens under the first amendment then.

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. Okay. I'm saying that broadly  
20 because there's a lot of clauses, but to the  
21 ones that you've received training on.

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. Okay. If I told you that a  
24 citizen has a right to make a complaint  
25 against a police officer and not fear

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2 retaliation, would that fall within the  
3 training knowledge you have?

4 A. Oh, I would think so. Yes.

5 Q. Okay. Now, according to the  
6 testimony, you knew when you went down to  
7 Newtown that there had been a complaint made  
8 by Christopher Bush, Detective Bush, Newtown  
9 Township against Sergeant Tripp.

10 Is that correct testimony?

11 A. Yes, sir. Uh-huh.

12 Q. Okay. How did you come to that  
13 knowledge?

14 A. I was asked by Trooper Rich Fultz  
15 to go down that morning. I was new in my  
16 position with the CLEAN section as the CLEAN  
17 commander and I would occasionally go out on  
18 investigations. That particular morning he  
19 asked me if I would be interested in going  
20 down to -- I think he said Philadelphia. Go  
21 down near Philadelphia to go along on this  
22 investigation.

23 I said, sure.

24 As we drove down there he  
25 gave me a little rundown about what he knew

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2 about the case.

3 Q. Okay. So you came to the  
4 knowledge of the complaint through Fultz.

5 Is that correct?

6 A. That's right.

7 Q. Okay. And he volunteered it to  
8 you?

9 A. I'm sure we were just discussing  
10 what the case was about.

11 Q. The reason for the trip going  
12 down?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. Okay. Now, did Fultz indicate to  
15 you how he came to this knowledge?

16 A. I just knew that he had been  
17 working on that particular case and he had to  
18 go down and do an interview. He wanted to go  
19 down to Newtown to do an interview.

20 Q. Okay. How long had you been in  
21 the position as the -- I'm going to call it  
22 the chief supervisor of the CLEAN system?

23 Would that be a fair  
24 description of your job?

25 A. My job was the commander of the

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2 CLEAN section, which is Commonwealth Law  
3 Enforcement Assistance Network. And my  
4 position was criminal justice information  
5 service system officer. That's -- that's the  
6 official title of my position.

7 Q. Okay. Well, how long have you  
8 been had you been in that position before  
9 this trip?

10 A. I started on May 25, 2007. So a  
11 little bit less than two months.

12 MR. HENZES: March.

13 THE WITNESS: March 25,  
14 2007. I'm sorry.

15 BY MR. PURICELLI:

16 Q. Three months.

17 A. A little less. April, May. A  
18 little bit less than two months.

19 Q. April, May, June, July.

20 A. I went down there on May 17 --

21 Q. Oh, okay.

22 A. -- as I recall.

23 Q. Prior to this trip how many times  
24 had you gone out specifically to see if a  
25 police department had an actual report on

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2 file for any CLEAN entry?

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A. I don't know if I had gone on

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that particular type of instant complaint. I

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had gone out to Allegheney County shortly

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after my arrival there for an incident

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involving a police chief. And I think I was

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on one other -- I had gone up to the north

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eastern part of the state for an arbitration

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hearing. I think those were the only times I

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had actually gone out on the road since I had

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gotten there.

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Q. Okay. That appears to be two and

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this incident in Newtown appears to be three.

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A. Yes. I believe that's accurate.

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Q. In your testimony in the

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arbitration that you reviewed you indicated

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you had been out maybe five or six.

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Is that correct?

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A. That might be correct. I just

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can't recall the particular instances, but it

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was a handful.

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Q. Okay. And this handful, none of

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which none of them included you going out

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with another trooper for the specific